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SUBJ: OPIC INVESTMENT INSURANCE - GOODYEAR INTL. - 608-70-556

REF: RABAT 3005

1. GOODYEAR HAS FURNISHED OPIC COPY OF JUNE 4 GOM LETTER.
WORDING OF LETTER RAISES QUESTION WHETHER GOM ACTUALLY INTENDS
TO DENY APPROVAL OF GOODYEAR LOAN ON BASIS THAT ONLY EQUITY
CONSITUTES "INVESTMENT."

2. WITH THE EXCEPTION OF A LOAN INVESTMENT BY FIRST NATIONAL
CITY BANK, WHICH WAS MADE INTO A BLOCKED ACCOUNT, ALL APPROVALS
RECEIVED AND ALL OPIC CONTRACTS ISSUED HAVE BEEN FOR EQUIT
INVESTMENTS. AVAILABLE RECORDS DO NOT REFLECT ANY PAST
DENIAL OR APPROVAL FOR DEBT INVESTMENTS.

3. OPIC CONCERNED ON TWO POINTS: 1) IT IS POSSIBLE THAT GOM DOES
NOT INTEND TO DENY APPROVAL, BUT EITHER (A) CONSIDERS IT
UNNECESSARY TO APPROVAL DEBT, OR (B) DOES NOT UNDERSTAND THAT OPIC
CONSIDERS DEBT AS "INVESTMENT." ALTHOUGH OPIC WOULD NOT WISH TO
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DENY GOODYEAR INSURANCE BECAUSE OF GOM OR USG MISUNDERSTANDING

OF TERMINOLOGY, OPIC CANNOT ISSUE CONTRACT WITHOUT CLARIFICATION OF FGA NOW IN HAND. 2) FAILURE TO APPROVE DEBT INVESTMENTS MAY REFLECT GOM DECISION IN PRINCIPLE NOT TO APPROVE DEBT, WHICH WILL AFFECT OTHER INVESTORS. IF SO, MOROCCO WOULD BE ONLY COUNTRY WHERE OPIC PROGRAMS ARE OPERATIVE FOR EQUITY BUT NOT DEBT.

4. SINCE GOODYEAR HAS NOT RECEIVED A RESPONSE TO ITS FEBRUARY 12, 1973 LETTER REQUESTING APPROVAL OF ITS TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT, IT SEEMS APPROPRIATE FOR GOODYEAR TO FOLLOW UP ON THAT REQUEST, SIMULTANEOUSLY APPEALING GOM FAILURE TO APPROVE THE LOAN. IF MISSION CONSIDERS IT ADVISABLE, SOME LOW KEY ASSISTANCE MAY BE PROVIDED GOODYEAR. OPIC WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING MISSION ADVICE/COMMENTS ON THIS COURSE OF ACTION, AS WELL AS TIMING OF THE FOLLOW-UP/APPEAL IN VIEW OF RECENT MOROCCANIZATION EVENTS.

5. REQUEST OPIC CABLES NOT BE SLUGGED AIDAC.
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